in the matter, and he has been asked to submit definite proposals for lease in consultation with the Assistant to the Protector of Depressed Classes. The leases will be given effect to without delay.

Visitors to the Mental Hospital.

293. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) how many meetings of the visitors of the Mental Hospital, Trichur, were held in the year 1105;

(b) whether any meeting had to be adjourned for want of quorum; if so, how many ;

(c) the names of in-patients who were reported fit for release by the officer in charge in each of the meetings adjourned ;

(d) the names of those who were released at the adjourned meetings ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Six meetings were held in the year 1105, i. e., monthly one meeting (including Makaram).

(b) Yes. The meetings held in Chingam, Vrischigam and Makaram, i. e., three meetings had to be adjourned for want of quorum.

(c) In Chingam:—Abdur Rahiman

In Vrischigam:—Ouseph, Krishna Ayyar, Varieth and Kanda.

In Makaram:—Velloo and Vaccoo Lonan.

(d) None.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there two continuous adjournments at any time?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this Abdur Rahiman released ? He was reported fit to be released. I want to know when he was actually released.

President.—I think he must have been released in Vrischigam or after that. Is it not?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He was detained for three months.

President.—There must be a meeting to actually discharge him. There must have been considerable delay there. Is it not so, Doctor? Even if the medical officer says that he is fit to be discharged, there must be a meeting for the discharge. The meeting did not take place.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— In Kanni there was no meeting.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Even if the medical officer has reported, he has to be kept under observation for some time

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not enough if the officer there simply reports that he is fit. He has got to be examined by another doctor and by the visitors. The doctor being the Civil Surgeon, who declares the man to be sane, the case has to be presented to me for remand. They are not to take the recommendation of the Superintendent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When were Ouseph, Krishna Ayyar, Varieth and Kanda released ? Were they all released ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, I think so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—In subsequent meetings.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the meeting ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If you wait for 5 minutes, I shall get the information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these Velloo and Vaccoo Lonan also released ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. They have not been released.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—After Makaram there was no meeting?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I know that six or seven have been released this year.

Article in the 'Prabhatham' about the conduct of a clerk.

294. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) (a) whether its attention has been drawn to an article published in the Prabhatam, dated 25th November 1929 (Palghat Weekly paper), on page 17 regarding the conduct of a clerk in the Police Commissioner's Office ;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made ;

(c) if so, with what result ;

(2) is the attention of the Government drawn to an article published in the same paper of the same date on page 14 regarding the levy of annas four from every bus starting from Nemmara by the Police there ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

(1) (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) The allegations are not true.

(2) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 221.

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